

# Homeless Services



- Utility Deposit for Homeless Clients Program
- Homeless Assistance Program
- Family Reunification program



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#### **Community Development Programming**

For City of Fayetteville Community
Development related programming
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#### **Homeless Shelters and Local Services**

Operation Inasmuch Homeless Center 531 Hillsboro Street (910) 433-2161

Salvation Army Emergency Shelter 245 Alexander Street (910) 483-8119

Cumberland Interfaith Hospitality Network 101 Stein Street (910) 826-2454

Hope Center—Single Women 913 Person Street (910)

**Robin's Meadow Transitional Housing** 503 Old Wilmington Road (910) 321-6582

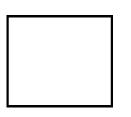
Family Endeavors—Women Veterans 120 Langdon Street (910) 977-2303

Project For Assistance in Transitional Housing PATH Program— Mental illness assistance (910) 323-6112

**Center for Economic Empowerment and Development (CEED) -** Homeless Prevention (910) 323-3377

## **Funding**

Funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.





# **Utility Deposit Assistance Program for Homeless Clients**

The Utility Deposit Assistance Program provides a grant designed to assist homeless clients with out of pocket expenses needed to pay utility deposits (gas, electricity, water and sewer) when leaving transitional housing for private housing. The maximum amount of utility deposit shall not exceed \$300.00.

#### Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Utility Deposit
Assistance funds, a homeless client must be
recommended from an eligible transitional housing
organization. The client must have completed a
financial literacy program conducted by an approved
agency of the Continuum of Care Planning Council
or the Community Development Department. The
applicant must have been employed or financially
stable for six months or more. If not employed, the
applicant should be receiving monthly financial
assistance from one of the following:

- Social Security Administration
- Veterans Administration
- Government Retirement
- Other sources of monthly income

# **Applying for the Utility Deposit Assistance Program**

Referrals and applications must come from a Continuum of Care member to the City of Fayetteville Community Development Department.

Client must meet the definition of homelessness as described by HUD. Also,
The following information must accompany the

application from a sponsoring agency:

- Letter of recommendation from transitional housing facility
- Recent pay stubs
- A copy of the clients lease
- Certificate or letter of completion of Financial literacy course.

Applications and accompanying documentation must be turned into the Community Development Department.

#### **Homeless Client Assistance Program**

The City of Fayetteville provides a police officer to assist the unsheltered homeless with needed services to ensure their safety and well-being. Funds are provided to assist the officer in providing such needs as identification cards, blankets, toiletries and bus passes.

**Family Reunification program** provides transportation assistance with reuniting homeless with family or to a drug/alcohol rehabilitation center. You can contact the Homeless Project Officer at 433-1846.

# **Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness**

The Continuum of Care is a community-based, long-ranged plan that addresses the needs of homeless persons in order to help them reach maximum self-sufficiency.

The Continuum of Care is developed through collaboration with a broad cross section of the community and based on a thorough assessment of homeless needs and resources. The Continuum of Care is recommended by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a comprehensive and strategic approach to addressing homelessness.

To become a member of the Continuum of Care, shelter providers must apply for membership, attend and participate in the meetings and activities sponsored by the Cumberland County Continuum of Care Planning Council. For more information contact the Cumberland County Community Development Department at 323-6112.

The City participates in the activities of the Fayetteville/ Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness.



#### PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Project Homeless Connect excels in connecting the most vulnerable citizens to vital resources throughout the city. At our one-stop shop events and in our office every day, we link participants to difficult-to-obtain services including medical, dental and vision care, and employment assistance. By mobilizing city and community agencies, as well as thousands of volunteers, we are able to ensure that our participants receive holistic care in a dignified setting.

This event is held annually and organized by the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness. For more information call (910) 323-6112.



### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Community Development Department offers funding opportunities to non-profit organizations each year through Request For Proposals during preparations for the upcoming program year. For more information call (910) 433-1590.

#### **Definition of Homelessness**

## The Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act

The HEARTH Act expands the definition of "homeless", "homeless individual", and "homeless person." The definition of "homeless" now includes:

- (1) people who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who are exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided;
- (2) people who are losing their housing in 14 days and lack support networks or resources to obtain housing,
- (3) people who have moved from place to place and are likely to continue to do so because of disability or other barriers, and
- (4) people who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

#### Cumberland County Homeless Special Projects Fund

The Fayetteville/Cumberland County Continuum of Care has established a homeless foundation fund to support the services of local homeless shelters and homeless support agencies.

Monetary donations in support of the Homeless Special Projects Fund can be sent to the Cumberland Community Foundation. You can help by mailing a check payable to the foundation to P.O. Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302. Donations also can be made online at cumberlandcf.org and clicking the 'donate now' button. Donors should designate their gifts for the Homeless Special Projects Fund.

For more information about the foundation, contact the Cumberland County Community Development Department at (910) 323-6112.